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1. GERMANY: Estimate on Berlin supply situation--US Representative Riddleberger in Berlin reports that the supply situation in western Berlin points more and more to the end of August or to early September as the crucial period. According to Riddleberger, the US Military Government estimates that the present stocks of gasoline, paper, and coal will be depleted by that time.

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USSR may close two Berlin air corridors--Representative Riddleberger quotes

that Soviet officials plan in the near future to declare two of the three air corridors closed and then to interfere with air traffic in the remaining corridor by carrying out large scale air maneuvers in the area west of Berlin. Riddleberger points out that this information may be a Soviet plant to hasten acceptance of a conference on all German problems, but he believes that such action cannot be ruled out as a possibility.

(CIA Comment: CIA agrees with Representative Riddleberger's estimate of this report.)

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